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SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO YEREVAN  
(CONGRESSMAN MARKEY INTEREST)

REF: A. MOSCOW 18163, B. MOSCOW 17256, C. STATE 186839,  
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1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS SOUGHT TO OBTAIN MORE CONCRETE  
INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORIGIN, DESTINATION AND INTENDED USE  
OF SHIPMENT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES WHICH ARRIVED MOSCOW JULY 25  
FOR TRANSSHIPMENT TO YEREVAN. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, WE HAVE  
LEARNED THE FOLLOWING, WHICH SHOULD ASSIST EMBASSY TO OBTAIN  
CONFIRMATION OF SHIPMENT'S ARRIVAL IN YEREVAN:

A. SHIPMENT CONTAINS SEVERAL DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF  
CANCER. DRUGS WERE OBTAINED AND SHIPPED BY MR. HAIG S.  
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YARDUMIAN OF BOSTON;

B. DRUGS ARE INTENDED FOR DR. ZAROUHI TCHALIKIAN (OR  
SCHELIKIAN) KHACHATUIRIAN (SIC), THE WIFE OF DR. ROBERT  
KHACHATUIRIAN, BOTH OF YEREVAN. YARDUMIAN ADVISED THAT MRS.  
KHACHATUIRIAN IS CRITICALLY ILL WITH CANCER AND ONLY THE  
DRUGS SHIPPED FROM THE US CAN OFFER ANY HOPE OF SAVING HER.

THE DRUGS APPARENTLY CANNOT BE OBTAINED IN THE SOVIET UNION;

C. YARDUMIAN HAS NO ADDRESS FOR MRS. KHACHATURIAN BUT SHIPPED DRUGS TO HER FATHER, HAGOP TCHALIKIAN, AND BROTHER, NUBAR TCHALIKIAN, AT THE ADDRESS IN YEREVAN PROVIDED REF B (83 LISINIAN). NUBAR, YARDUMIAN CLAIMED, IS A PROMINENT ARMENIAN STAGE PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR. HIS OLD PHONE NUMBER IS 2-6071 BUT SINCE AN ADDITIONAL DIGIT HAS BEEN ADDED TO YEREVAN TELEPHONES IT MAY NOW BE 52-6071; AND - --

D. A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE KHACHATURIANS, MARTIK M. MARTENTZ, MAY BE CONTACTED IN YEREVAN AT 58-2506. MARTENTZ IS AWARE OF THE SHIPMENT AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONFIRM ITS ARRIVAL.

2. IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE CONTACT MARTENTZ TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT DRUGS REACHED MRS. KHACHATURIAN. YARDUMIAN WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE LATEST REPORT ON MRS. KHACHATURIAN'S CONDITION AND ANY FURTHER MEDICINAL NEEDS.

3. YARDUMIAN ALSO OBSERVED THAT KHACHATURIANS, TCHALIKIANS AND MARTENTZES WOULD WELCOME CALLS BY ANY EMBOFFS VISITING YEREVAN AND CLAIMED THAT SUCH CONTACT WOULD NOT CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR THESE PEOPLE. VANCE UNCLASSIFIED

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